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PMGSY in Maharashtra
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the completion of several road projects sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have been delayed in the country particularly in State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any time-bound action plan has been chalked out to complete the delayed projects within a definite time frame in each State and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) &(b): 'Rural Roads' is a State subject and PMGSY is a one-time special intervention of the central government to provide rural connectivity, by way of a single all-weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations in the core network. As per PMGSY programme guidelines, tendering, award and execution of PMGSY projects is the responsibility of the State Government. In some States the progress of PMGSY is relatively slow due to which there are road works still incomplete even after four years. The State-wise details of the number of road works which are incomplete for more than 4 years including Maharashtra are given at Annexure. The reasons for slow progress are as under:-

(i) Inadequate capacity of the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs).

(ii) Most of the construction materials such as cement, steel, bitumen, machinery, personnel handle machinery etc. are not locally available.

(iii) Lack of contracting capacity as well as non-availability of basic road making equipment such as road roller, crushing plants, dumper/tipper, trucks etc.

(iv) Non-availability of land or the land falling under forest areas.

(v) Law and order problem in some parts of the States.

(c): From time to time, State Governments are advised through various Regional Review meetings & Empowered Committee meetings to take suitable necessary action to expedite timely completion of road works under PMGSY. For accelerated execution of PMGSY in the States, the Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and the State Governments, has formulated an Action Plan to complete the connectivity mandate of the balance eligible habitations under PMGSY-I by March, 2019, before the earlier set target date of 2022.

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